

**To:** Daguillard, Robert[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]  
**From:** Christie StClair  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 8:56:44 PM  
**Subject:** NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Rich, can you tackle these?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** StClair, Christie; Press  
**Subject:** RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Well, probably. These questions seem to be more in your court. LMK:

“It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?”

**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:25 AM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Press  
**Subject:** Re: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:27 AM, "Robert Daguillard" <[Daguillard.Robert@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epamail.epa.gov)> wrote:

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Thanks all, R.

**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:57 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert

**Cc:** Lee, Monica

**Subject:** Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:48 AM

**To:** Cohen, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard

**Subject:** RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

Thanks again, Nancy.

**From:** Cohen, Nancy

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 6:24 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard

**Subject:** RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

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Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

U.S. EPA OSWER

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM

**To:** Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy

**Subject:** OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

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If we could get a response by COB Today, the reporter could run the story in tomorrow's paper. Please advise. Thanks, R.

**From:** Karl Mathiesen

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert

**Subject:** Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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Karl Mathiesen

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